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DECLARATION - USA PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING A LAMINATED SHEET MATERIAL BY SPATTERING**; the specification of which was filed on **March 4, 2002** as Application Serial No. **10/090,388**;

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

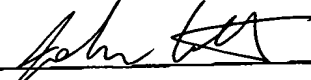
I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**Priority
Claimed**

No.: PR3474	Country: Australia	Date Filed: March 2, 2001	Yes
No.: PR3475	Country: Australia	Date Filed: March 2, 2001	Yes
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No.: PR3477	Country: Australia	Date Filed: March 2, 2001	Yes
No.: PR3478	Country: Australia	Date Filed: March 2, 2001	Yes

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, John Sydney Cottier, an Australian citizen, residing at 90B MiMi Street, Oatley, NSW 2223, Australia, Greg Brunton, an Australian citizen, residing at 51 Roxborough Park Road, Castle Hill, New South Wales 2154, Australia and Robert Lyons, a United States citizen, residing at 11015 Antietam Drive, Alta Loma, CA 91737 (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNORS"), have invented certain new and useful improvements in A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING A LAMINATED SHEET MATERIAL BY SPATTERING, the specification of which was filed as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/090,388 on March 4, 2002;

AND WHEREAS, JAMES HARDIE RESEARCH PTY LIMITED (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), an Australian Corporation, with its principal place of business at Level 1, Research and Product Development Building, 10 Colquhoun Street, Rosehill, NSW 2142 Australia, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in return for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby acknowledges that it has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all provisional applications relating thereto, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and ASSIGNORS hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND ASSIGNORS covenants and agrees that it will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, ASSIGNORS intending to be legally bound has hereunto affixed its signature.

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